

ORGANIZATIONAL AND HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Care Support Program

ORGANIZATION:

The World Subud Association consists of national Subud organizations that have identified some basic aims, such as providing for the needs of the Subud membership. The Care Support Program assumes the responsibility of ensuring that Subud members can help and support each other internationally.

At the moment, the WSA Care Support Program has two programs: the Subud Emergency Fund, which manages a fund to support Subud members with emergency needs, and the Education Fund which supports the education of children or family of Subud members.

The WSA Care Support Program team consists of the World Subud Association executive Chair, currently Garrett Thomson, the Coordinator, Rayner Sutherland, two Advisors, Rosanna Hille and Kumari Beck. The finances are managed by the WSA Treasurer, Samuel Simonsson, and Leonard van Willenswaard, the WSA Accountant. All information about members' needs and situations is strictly confidential. An annual report is sent to the WSA.

HISTORY:

In 1960 a small group of helpers met in London to discuss the formation of an organization to help members suffering real hardship. Later that year, and with the approval of Bapak, the founder of Subud, the Subud Almoners was established, providing assistance to members in Britain. In 1973, the International Almoners was established and run by the Subud Britain Almoners, with assistance spread throughout many countries. For many years this work was overseen by Mairi Store, Jim Williams, and others.

In 2006 the WSA formed the Subud Emergency Fund as a program of the WSA Care Support Program. The team is based in Canada (Vancouver and Montreal).

Currently, there are a small number of countries with their own National Assistance programs. Eventually, we hope to see more National Assistance programs. Subud communities are strengthened best when members support each other locally and, hence, more effectively.